

Steering Committee of the Alaska FASD Partnership
MINUTES - Wednesday, Sept, 12, 2012

- I. **Introductions** – Monica Leinberger, Vickie Tinker, Alex Edwards, Stephanie Johnson, Mike Jeffery, DeeDee Raymond, Trish Smith, Diane Casto, Jeri Museth, Sean O'Brien, Mike Baldwin.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved.
- III. **Approval of Minutes 8/8/12.** Approved.
- IV. **FASD Awareness Day Events.** Bethel distributed some information around town. Vickie in Kenai sent out an FASD and the Church packet inviting local faith-based organizations to educate their congregations on the topic of FASD. Table tents were distributed to Dimitri's in Bethel. Trish distributed table tents to some volunteers who distributed them to restaurants. Had a public event (BBQ) with stick people at UAA. Will get some TV coverage (Channel 5) of this event. Juneau distributed tents to 19 restaurants via the Juneau Partnerships for Children and Families. Stephanie didn't get the tents in time (they arrived a week late!!). Amy Hansen distributed in Palmer. Teresa Sprague distributed in Wasilla. Judge Jeffery suggested having tents that don't offer the free non-alcoholic beverage. Trish suggested not putting the year on them so that they can be picked up and used again.
- V. **FASD Musher Kits.** Teri described where the campaign is at. Suggestions: Vickie suggested pens are good because they move around and get used a lot and they're precious in a village. DeeDee suggested eye glass cloth. Monica suggested berry-picking buckets are a hit, but may too bulky to carry on the sleds. Stephanie suggested trading cards like what the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council distributed during Iron Man. Stephanie volunteered to lead the effort.
- VI. **Workgroup Reports:**
 - a. **Family/Peer Support Workgroup.** The group continues to work on finalizing the proposal to bring the Whitecrow Village model to Alaska
 - b. **Prevention of Pregnant Women Workgroup** Diane reported that she is hoping to restart the workgroup. National Prevention Research Conference will be featuring a section on FASD (big opportunity for FASD to get into national agenda). **ACTION: Diane will work to get a plan in place to restart this workgroup. Also, she will find out which state is distributing pregnancy tests in bars.**
 - c. **FASD and Legal System Workgroup.** Judge Jeffery reported the American Bar Association (ABA) resolution was passed August 7 featuring FASD awareness and action, also making it ABA policy. There's talk about other countries using the resolution as a model for their own resolutions. The resolution is one-page, but the report that follows is many more pages with good back-up information. Go to the Partnership's webpage to see the resolution and back-up. He talked about the webinar FASD as a Mitigating Factor by Dr. Ira Chasnoff. DVDs will be available for \$25. FASD Youth Justice Program at Manitoba Youth Center has a peel off model for pictured icons for probation officers for "conditions of conduct" or "probation conditions" that Mike has adopted and printed for use in Barrow. The probation officer there is excited to start using them. Monica went to Seattle for a crab feast with Dr.

Streissguth, Billy Edwards, Kay Kelly and other key figures in the FASD field. A February conference will happen in Anchorage put on by the Alaska Bar Association "FASD and Advocacy for Individual in the Civil and Criminal System." **ACTION: Teri will forward announcements about the conference as they come out.**

- d. **Education Workgroup.** Deb and Monica met in Homer to begin developing a "hot sheet" and Powerpoint for presentation to school administrators and the statewide school board – addressing academic and behavior expectations in schools. They included cultural elements as well.
- e. **Services for Adults Workgroup.** Sean reported that the workgroup has been gathering resources for an FASD Resource Directory. The last meeting featured a presentation from the Dept. of Education on an online career management tool. Next meeting is Sept. 17.
- f. **Professional Development Workgroup.** Alex announced that the Arctic FASD Regional Training Center has been awarded funding by CDC for a statewide FASD conference in May.
- g. **Youth and FASD Workgroup.** At the workgroup's last meeting, the group voted on the top three items they would like to move forward for action. The list will be sent out to all workgroup participants (including those that couldn't attend) to vote on. The results will be tallied and at the next meeting they will begin to develop a plan for action.
- I. **Announcements.** Monica was contacted by Billy Edwards, a public defender from Los Angeles, who invited her to go to Arkansas for a presentation on her role in LKSD with FASD and education. Jeri did an FASD training with the VPSO's using the information from the ABA resolution, which was well-received and lots of questions were asked. They ended up inviting a district attorney to talk with them. Mike reported that the FASD Waiver program is ending Sept. 30. It was a demonstration pilot project that we knew was going to end.
- II. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 10 at 3pm.